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(Affidavit of Capt. David W. Parsons.)

I certify that I, David W. Parsons, Captain, Infantry, Investigating Officer for the Defense of Major War Criminals was on 27 May, 1947, in Rangoon, Burma, interviewing and interrogating several Japanese prisoners who are in the custody of the British War Crimes Commission. Among those interviewed were Generals HONDA, TANAKA, and Captain TAZUMI.

In the course of the interrogation, explicit inquiry was made as to the possible whereabouts of a pamphlet entitled "The Attitude To Take Towards the Burmese People", which pamphlet had been published by General KIMURA.

Both General HONDA and TANAKA were familiar with this document having been published but neither of them had copies in their possession.

It was suggested by General TANAKA that Dr. Ba Maw, war-time Premier of Burma, might have a copy of the pamphlet. Direct inquiry of Dr. Ba Maw was made and he stated he did not have any such papers in his possession.

Inquiry was made of Captain TAZUMI pertaining to several letters of thanks which TAZUMI had received from former allied prisoners of war whom had been under TAZUMI's supervision while TAZUMI was commandant of Rangoon Prison. Captain TAZUMI advised me that all of his papers, personal and official, had been confiscated by the British at Singapore, and he had none of these papers in his possession at the time. Captain TAZUMI emphatically stated that he had received letters of thanks from P. O. W. S. When I returned to Singapore, I inquired of the British War Crimes people if they had any record of such letters. The Major in charge of the records made a search but was unable to find any such letters referred to hereinbefore.

(signed) David W. Parsons  
Captain, Infantry  
Investigating Officer

(宣誓供述書 デーヴィッド・ダブリュウ・パースンズ)

私、戦争主犯罪人辯護調査士官、陸軍歩兵大尉、デーヴィッド・ダブリュウ・パースンズは一九四七年五月二十七日、ビルマのラングーンに於て、英國戦争犯罪委員会に依り拘禁中の数名の日本人俘虜に面接し、訊問したことを證明致します。その面接者の中に本田大將、田中大將及「タヅミ」大尉が居りました。右訊問中に於て、「ビルマ民衆に對し採るべき態度」と題するパンフレットの所在に關して腹藏のない質問を致しました。同パンフレットは本村大將の發行したものであります。

本田、田中兩大將とも本書類の發行されたことはよく知つて居りましたが、兩者共その印刷物は所持して居りませんでした。

田中大將は、戦時ビルマ首相であつたパーモウ博士が右パンフレットを所持して居るかも知れないと言ひました。パーモウ博士に直接質問したところ、彼はその様な書類は何も所持して居ないと述べました。

「タヅミ」大尉がラングーン收容所長當時「タヅミ」大尉の監督下にあつた前連合軍俘虜處から受け取つた感謝狀に就いて「タヅミ」大尉を訊問しました。



タヅミ大尉は、彼の書類が公私共ケンガポールに於て英軍に没収され、當時これらの書類は何も所持して居ない旨告げました。タヅミ大尉は俘虜遊から感謝状を受取つたことをはつきり述べました。

私がケンガポールに戻りました時、英國戦争犯罪委員会の関係者に何か斯様な手紙の記録があるかどうかを訊ねました。記録係の少佐が調査しましたが、上述の手紙は何も見付かりませんでした。

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